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Ontario Historical Society

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, TORONTO, 10TH AUGUST, 1913.

Formal notice of the following proposed amendments, additions and repeals have been received in accordance with Section 7 of the Constitution of the Ontario Historical Society and are hereby sent to the members of the Society and the Secretaries of affiliated Societies in accordance with said Section 7 of the Constitution. Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDER FRASER, Secretary.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments Proposed by the Secretary of the Society:-

- 1. That sub-sect. (a) sect. 3 be amended by adding, after the words The Dominion Archivist, the words "The Ontario Archivist.'
- 2. That sub.-sect. (6) sect. 3 be amended: (1) by inserting the word "General," before, and the words "or Executive Board," after the word Council in line 3; (2), by striking out the words: not exceeding seven in all, in lines 10 and 11 and substituting therefor: "and, in addition thereto, the said Six Nations Indians may be represented at the annual meeting of the Society by one general representative elected by the said Six Nations Indians collectively; (3) The Delegates from affiliated societies and Representatives from the Six Nations Indians shall have the right of voting at all meetings of the Society and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of annual members, without payment of the annual membership fee; (4) by inserting the word "Honorary" before Secretary in line 14.
- 3. That the word Association in sub-sects. (c) and (d) be changed to "Society" and that the word "General" be inserted before the word Council in sub-sect. (d).
- 4. That sub-sect. (e) sect. 3, be amended as follows: Annual Members shall pay a membership fee of one dollar per annum, in advance. Upon non-payment of such annual fee, after due notification of arrears has been made, such membership shall cease, except as to Delegates and Representatives as hereinabove provided for.
- 5. That sect. 3 be added to as follows: (h) The Society may confer the Diploma of Fellowship on any of its members in recognition of valuable services in the field of Ontario history in connection with the work of this
- 6. That sect. 4 be repealed and the following substituted therefor: (a) The officers of this Society shall be: A President, two Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected from among the members of the Society, by direct nomination and vote, at its annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed in their stead.

(b) These officers with the immediate past president shall form the Executive Board of the Society.

- 7. That the following new section be enacted as section 5 of the Constitution, viz.: "For the general management of the affairs of the Society there shall be a General Council to be composed of: (a) The officers of the Society (as set forth in sub-sect. (a) of sect. 4), (b), Five members of the Society, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society; (c) the Presidents of Affiliated Societies who shall be ex-officio Vice-Presidents of this (d) the ex-Preisdents of this Society during three years from the date of their retirement from the office of President; (e) and the Chairmen of Standing Committees, during their term of office.
- 8. That sect. 5 be numbered section 6, and that the word Council in line 3 thereof be deleted and the following words substituted therefor: "Society, General Council, or Executive Board"; and the word five in line 8 be changed to "twenty-five"; and the words: for the Council three, in line 9, to the words: "for the General Council, nine; and for the Executive Board, three."
- 9. That sect. 7 as at present shall become sub-section (a) of sect. 7, and that the following be added as subsection (b) viz.:
- "(b) This Society shall have power by a two-thirds vote to vary the terms of any proposed amendment to the Constitution properly received by it, but only in so far as such variation shall be within the scope and purpose of the proposed amendment thereby affected."
- 10. That sect. 13 be amended by substituting for the word Council in line 3, the words "General Council and Executive Board," by substituting for the word Council, in line 9, the words "Executive Board"; and for the word Council in line 15, the words "General Council"; also by inserting the words "Honorary" before Secretary in line 1.
- 11. That the word Council in lines 4 and 6 of sect. 14, in lines 6 and 8 of sub-section (a) of section 14 and in line 3 of section 15, be struck out and the words General Council substituted; and that the word "Honorary" be inserted before the word Treasurer in line 1, sect. 14, and in line 6 sub-sect. (a) of sect. 14.
 - 12. That section 16 be repealed.
- 13. That the word Council in line 3 of sect. 17 be replaced by the words: "Executive Board or General Council, and that said section be amended by adding thereto the words: "The General Council shall have power to pay an honorarium to the Honorary Secretary and to provide for such assistance to the Honorary Secretary in the discharge of his duties as may be deemed necessary; or it may delegate this power to the Executive Board.
- 14. That in sect. 18, line 1, in sect. 19, lines 3 and 4, and in sect. 25, line 2, the word "General" be inserted before the word Council, and that sections 19, 20, 21, and 22 shall become sub-sections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section 18; and that the following be added as sub-section (e) and sub-section (f), of section 18;
- (e) The General Council shall hold two regular meetings annually; the first to be held on the day before the annual meeting of the Society, and at the same place at which the annual meeting shall be held. At this meeting the Executive Board shall present a report of its transactions for the past year; which, with the business to come before the meeting of the Society shall be considered by the General Council. The second meeting shall be at the close of the annual meeting of the Society, and at the same place of meeting, to deal with business arising from the proceedings of the annual meeting, and any business within its powers, that may by it be deemed desirable in the interest of the Society.

- (f) Should conditions of urgency arise special meetings of the General Council may be called by the Executive Board.
- (g) All the transactions of the General Council shall be subject to review by the Society assembled in annual or special meeting, and the same may be confirmed or rejected by the Society.
- 15. That the following new sections be added to the Constitution:— The Executive Board shall have general superintendence over the affairs of the Society and shall have power to deal with business referred to it by the General Council.
- 16. Sect. . . (1) The Standing Committees of the Society shall be: (a) A Committee of seven members, on Historic Sites; (b) a Committee, of seven members, on Historic Events; a Committee, of seven members, on Local Work; all of whom shall be members of the Society, and shall be elected by direct nomination and vote at the annual meeting of the Society.

(2) Each of these Standing Committees shall meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary before the close of

the annual meeting and shall communicate the names of these officers to the Honorary Secretary.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Historic Sites to prepare for the Society a written Report on anything of interest with respect to Historic Sites within the Province of Ontario that may arise during its term of office.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Historic Events to keep a record of current events within the Province of Ontario, during its term of office, that may be of historic interest in the future, and to prepare a written Report on the same for the Society; to submit suggestions regarding the celebration of past events of historic interest, within said Province; and generally, to assume the duties hitherto performed by the Committee on Flag and Commemoration Day.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Local Work to encourage the work of the affiliated societies, and the organization of local societies where such do not now exist; and to extend the membership of the Ontario Historical Society. It shall prepare for the society a written Report of its work during its term of office.
- 17. Sect. . The Reports of the Standing Committees and of the Affiliated Societies shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary not later than one month before the date of the annual meeting.
- 18. Sect. . The Distribution of the volumes published by the Society shall be as follows: (a) one copy each free of charge to Members and Fellows of the Society; the Ontario Archives, the Legislative Library of Ontario, and the Library of the Department of Education of Ontario; and such copies as may be ordered by the Executive Board to be given in exchange for volumes received from kindred societies and institutions.

(b) Except as hereinbefore provided for the price per copy of the regular publications of the Society shall be one dollar.

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- 19. Sect. . . . Travelling and hotel expenses incurred by members of the Executive Board by attendance at meetings of said Board and at the annual meetings of the Society shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Society; and those incurred by the President and by the Hon. Secretary in connection with the business of the Society upon the authority of the Executive Board.
- 20. Sect. . . . (a) In order to be admitted to Fellowship in this Society a member must be proposed in writing by two members of the General Council, which proposition shall be sent through the Honorary Secretary to the Executive Board, which shall report on the same to the next regular meeting of the General Council. If approved of by the General Council, the proposition shall be presented at the next annual meeting of the Society to be voted upon, and a two-thirds majority of the members present at that meeting shall be necessary to reject the recommendation of the General Council. Provided, however, that any recommendation for Fellowship made by the confirmed.

(b) There shall not be more than twenty-five Fellows of the Society at any one time, nor shall more than five

Fellowships be conferred in any one year.

- (c) Fellows of the Society shall be designated F. O. H. S., which Initials each Fellow shall be expected to place after his name on all suitable occasions.
- 21. That the sections of this Constitution be classified, re-numbered consecutively as may be necessary by any of the foregoing proposed amendments that may be made by the Society, and that said amendments shall be in force immediately on having been passed.

Toronto, 6th August, 1913.

To the Secretary of The Ontario Historical Society:-

Sir,—I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Ontario Historical Society the following amendments to the Constitution will be proposed:

- 1. To amend Section 4 by inserting in the 4th line after the word "Society," the words "all Past-Presidents."
- 2. To amend Section 4 by inserting after the words "a Secretary" in the 4th line, the words "the Chairmen of Standing Committees."
- 3. To amend Section 4 by adding at the end the following words: "Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be deemed to have been members of the Council during their term of office as such on and since the 5th day of June, 1901, and every Past-President of the Society from and after his ceasing to be President.
- 4. To amend Section 5 by striking out that portion beginning with the word "place" in the second line and ending with "year" in the 4th line, and substituting therefor the words: "time and place in Ontario in each year as may be appointed by the Council, at least one month's notice to be given to members of the intended meeting."

Dated at Napanee, this 24th day of July, 1913.

CLARENCE M. WARNER,
A Member of the Society.

A Formal Notice:

I hereby call a special meeting of the Ontario Historical Society to be held at Chatham on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 1913, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, to take into consideration and dispose of the above proposed amendments; also to receive the annual reports of the Society and to take proper action thereon; also for the nomination and election of officers and to transact such other business as may be required.

JOHN DEARNESS, President Ontario Historical Society.

Dated at London, this 2nd day of August, 1913.

